

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached drawing sheet include changes to Figs. 3 and 4 and replace the original sheet 3 of 3 that includes these Figures. In the formal drawings filed December 2003, there were two elements designated 130, namely the mechanical seal and the snap ring. The snap ring has been renumbered as element 131.

The Replacement Sheet and Annotated marked-up drawings attached in the appendix are being filed herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), in accordance with the Examiner's instructions.

Remarks

Claims 1-19 were originally filed in the present application. In the Office Action mailed August 2, 2005, claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18 and 19 were rejected. The Examiner objected to the remaining claims under consideration (claims 5, 11 and 17) as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has requested the cancellation of claims 4-5, 10-11, 16-17 and seeks to incorporate the limitations from the cancelled claims into the respective independent claims 1, 7 and 13.

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Status</u>
1. (Currently Amended)	Independent, rewritten to include dependent claim 5 and intervening claim 4.
2. (Original)	Depends from claim 1.
3. (Original)	Depends from claim 1.
4. (Cancelled)	Formerly depended from claim 1.
5. (Cancelled)	Formerly depended from claim 4.
6. (Original)	Depends from claim 1.
7. (Currently Amended)	Independent, rewritten to include dependent claim 11, and intervening claim 10.
8. (Original)	Depends from claim 7.
9. (Original)	Depends from claim 7.
10. (Cancelled)	Formerly depended from claim 7.
11. (Cancelled)	Formerly depended from claim 10.
12. (Original)	Depends from claim 7.
13. (Currently Amended)	Independent, rewritten to include dependent claim 17 and intervening claim 16
14. (Original)	Depends from claim 13.
15. (Original)	Depends from claim 13.
16. (Cancelled)	Formerly depended from claim 13.
17. (Cancelled)	Formerly depended from claim 16.
18. (Original)	Depends from claim 13.
19. (Cancelled)	No longer pending.

Each independent claim has been amended to include the limitations of those claims the Examiner deemed patentable, along with the limitations of any intervening claims. More particularly, Claim 1 has been amended to include each of the limitations of claim 5 and

intervening claim 4. Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11 and intervening claim 10. Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations from dependent claim 17 and intervening claim 16. Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 7 and 13, and those claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner to pass these claims to issuance.

This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2005. Any questions regarding this response should be directed to the undersigned attorneys.

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APPENDIX

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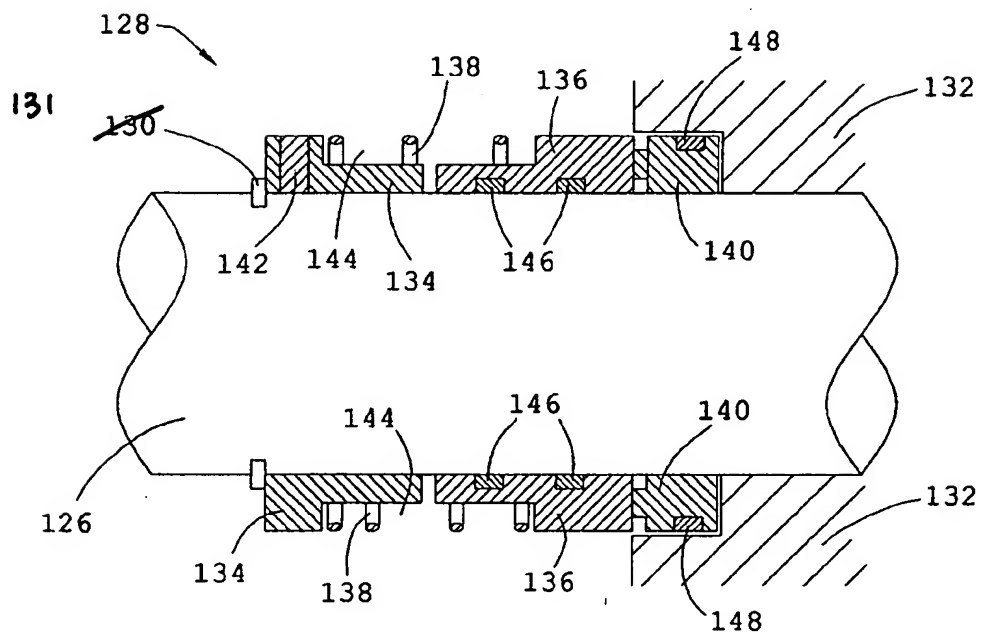


FIG.3

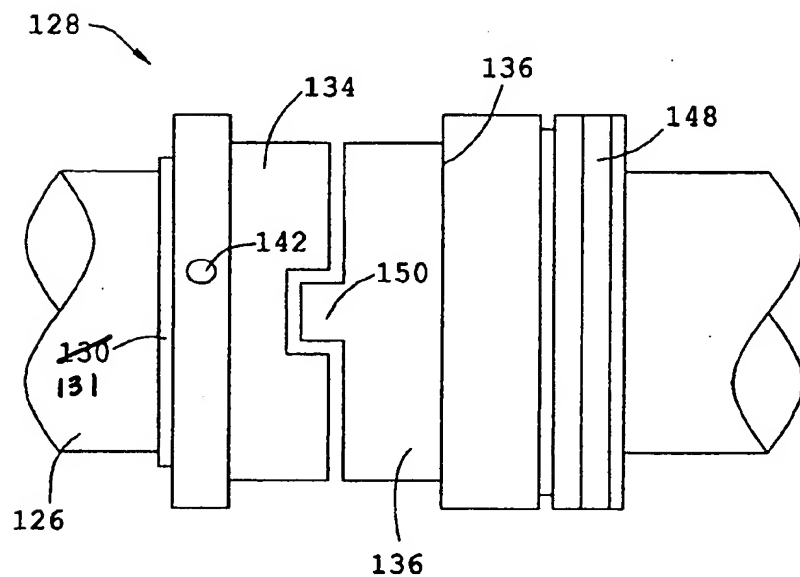


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